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USDRIP/Riverway Stakeholders Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2010 @ 9 a.m.

- 1. Attendees (Refer to attached Sign-In Sheet)
- 2. Lakeside Fire Station Status Update
 - Grading, construction of the retaining walls, and the installation of dry utilities are nearing completion.
 - The Fire District has started to accept bids for the construction of the fire station and anticipate commencing construction by late January or February 2011.
 - The second iteration of building plans are currently with the County for plan check.
- 3. Silver Sage Apartments Status Update
 - Construction and all of the required inspections have been completed for the Silver Sage Apartments, which received a \$2.4 million loan from USDRIP.
- 4. San Diego Redevelopment Agency Annual Report: 2009-2010 Fiscal Years
 - DPLU presented Stakeholders with a list of accomplishments that will be included in the County of San Diego Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Report, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on December 7, 2010. These accomplishments are listed below:
 - A total of \$92765 was expended in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to support the Local Rental Subsidy Program, which provided rental subsidies to approximately 20 households.
 - Silversage Apartments, an 80-unit affordable housing development, was completed and will meet and exceed the Agency's inclusionary housing requirement.
 - The Department of Planning and Land Use expedited processing and approved Site Plans for the following USDRIP projects: S09-014 Lakeside Fire Station; S09-023 Diamond Concrete; and S07-029 Lakeside River Park Field Station.

- The Department of Planning and Land Use expedited processing and approved building permits for the following USDRIP projects: S09-026 Diamond Concrete; S04-054 Silver Sage Affordable Apartments; and S08-017 Witherow Roofing.
- The Cooperation Agreement with the Lakeside Fire Protection District was amended to increase the annual disbursement to the Lakeside Fire Protection District from \$400,000 to \$550,000, which will result in \$1,000,000 of total savings for the redevelopment agency over the term of the agreement and enable the Lakeside Fire Protection District to obtain a more favorable bond rating.
- The Agency continued to implement the Five Year Implementation Plan (Fiscal Year 2009/10 - 2013/14). The plan details specific goals and objectives for the USDRIP, as well as specific programs and expenditures planned for the next five years.
- An existing consultant contract with Keyser Marston Associates was utilized to assist with analysis of the State Pass-Through (SERAF) and provide as-needed financial, redevelopment and project management services.
- The Agency executed a loan agreement with the San Diego River Conservancy to enable the Lakeside's River Park Conservancy to develop a one mile segment of trail along the San Diego River. The loan will be repaid to the redevelopment agency through State grant funds.

Mast Boulevard Update

- Per DPLU staff discussion with the City of Santee, the Mast Boulevard extension is is identified in the City of Santee Capital Improvement Plans. However, the Mast Boulevard extension project is currently unfunded and Santee will not consider construction of the extension until State Route 52 has been completed. State Route 52 is scheduled for completion in February/March 2011.
- Chief Andy Parr stressed the construction of the Mast Boulevard extension would improve Fire and Public Safety response times in both Lakeside and Santee.
- Moving forward, the County will continue to coordinate with the City of Santee.

6. Gateway Signage Locations

- DPLU provided Stakeholders with an excerpt from the Specific Plan related to Gateway signage, elevations of the recommended Gateway signs, and maps of the currently identified Gateway signage sites and an additional map with possible alternative sites.
- Lakeside's River Park Conservancy expressed interest in allowing gateway signage on their property. DPLU will follow up with the Conservancy on the potential placement of a gateway sign on the Conservancy's property.
- The Lakeside Water District offered USDRIP the opportunity to place wall signs on existing Water District structures along Highway 67. DPLU staff will review the Specific Plan to determine if this type of signage is permitted by the Specific Plan.

- 7. Any new suggestions for USDRIP moving forward:
 - Stakeholders recommended providing incentives for motorists and tourists to stop in USDRIP and Lakeside by promoting retail and restaurants within USDRIP. DPLU staff will identify areas within USDRIP that allow for commercial development to present at the next Stakeholders meeting.
 - Stakeholders pointed out that there are not enough parking areas for trail users and additional parking areas should be explored moving forward.

8. Other

- Lakeside's River Park Conservancy expressed concerns over the condition of landscaping at the Witherow Roofing site. DPLU staff explained that the landscaping was consistent with the Lakeside Design and the Specific Plan Guidelines and contains native, drought tolerant vegetation, which is less dense and helps with fire protection. All concerns were addressed.
- Lakeside's River Park Conservancy has expanded their Park Patrol in hopes of reducing crime and homelessness. Two person volunteer teams patrol the River Park area for homeless camps and, with the help of the Sheriff are working on vacating and cleaning up identified homeless camps.
- 9. December Stakeholders' meeting is cancelled due to the holiday season with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 9 am.